(2) whether any estimate was prepared and sanctioned therefor ;

(3) if the answer to No. (2) is in the affirmative, why it was not executed ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—(1) There was a proposal to improve the existing building and this had to be given up as it was thought that the necessary accommodation could not be had without constructing an entirely new building.

(2) The estimate for the proposed new building has not been prepared.

(3) Vide answer to (2).

## Small-pox infection.

**146. Mr. C. J. Mathew**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the places where small-pox raged during the course of the year 1105 ;

(2) what steps they took to prevent the disease in each place ;

(3) what is the total amount of expenditure the Government incurred in this connection up-to-date ;

(4) whether small-pox is raging anywhere now ;

(5) what has been the death rate per square mile during a week within each of the Municipal towns at the time small-pox raged in those places ;

(6) what all steps have been taken by each of the Municipal Chairman to prevent the epidemic and what expenses have been incurred by each of the Municipalities in this connection during the year 1105 ?

**Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.**—(1) A list of the places is appended (*Vide Appendix II.*)

(2) (i) Vigorous campaign of vaccination and revaccination was set on foot in every affected place including its neighbouring villages.

(ii) In Municipalities, isolation of patients in the contagious sheds and in other places, admission of destitute patients in the contagious sheds attached to hospitals.

(iii) Disinfection of houses wherever possible.

(iv) People were induced to leave infected houses and live temporarily in other houses belonging to them or in the houses of their relatives or friends.

(v) Food relief to deserving patients.

(3) Rs. 6,848—4—0 excluding Rs. 4,000 given as contribution to the Councils of Mattancheri and Ernakulam.

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(4) Yes ; in Irinjalakkuda.

(5) Mattancheri 2 per sq. mile.
Ernakulam 5 do
Trichur 1 do
Chittur (only very few cases).

(6) Steps taken and expenditure incurred:—

*Ernakulam.*—Vide answer to part (e) of question No. 5 of this session.

Expenditure Rs. 4,000.

*Trichur.*—Vaccination and re-vaccination were vigorously set on foot. Patients who wanted to be looked after by the Council, were removed to the contagious hospital of the Municipality and properly looked after by the Council. A qualified medical officer was deputed for the purpose.

Expenditure Rs. 694—5—10.

*Mattancheri.*—(1) Vigorous vaccination compaign by appointing special staff consisting of three vaccinators, two maistries and a Sanitary Inspector on special small-pox duty and three coolies.

(2) Cleaning of insanitary premises by persuasion and resorting to coercive steps.

(3) Prevention of over-crowding in houses especially in congested areas.

(4) Circulation of printed pamphlets enlightening the public as to the mode of preventing the spread of the disease.

Expenditure Rs. 2,055—6—0.

*Chittur.*—There were only very few cases which did not require serious attention. Vaccination operations were carried on and an expenditure of Rs. 129-5-0 was incurred towards the cost of lymph.

## Transport of timber through Tramway.

**147. Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what is the total quantity of teak and rosewood conveyed to the plains through the Cochin Tramway during the year 1105 ;

(2) what is the total quantity of each contracted to be cut and made ready in the hills, for conveyance by the Tram ;

(3) what is the total quantity actually cut and got ready in the hills for conveyance ;

(4) if the whole quantity contracted to be cut was not actually cut, why was it not cut and has the Government taken any action against the contractor for not cutting and felling trees as agreed to under contract ;

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## APPENDIX II.

*(Vide answer to question No. 146.)*

List of Towns and Villages where small-pox was raging during 1105.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | Chelakkara | 9. | Elankunnapuzha |
| 2. | Ernakulam Town | 10. | Pallipuram |
| 3. | Mattancheri Town | 11. | Methala |
| 4. | Irinjalakkuda Town | 12. | Azhikode |
| 5. | Lokamaleswaram | 13. | Cheranellur |
| 6. | Thirumukkulam | 14. | Trichur Town |
| 7. | Padiyam | 15. | Palluruthi |
| 8. | Eriyad | 16. | Manavalasseri |

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## APPENDIX III.

*(Vide answer to question No. 148.)*

*Agreement.*

This agreement made this.....day of.....between K. Raghava Kurup, Leather Expert of Cranganur in the Cochin State of the one part and the Cochin Tanneries Ltd., a company registered under the Cochin Company's Regulation of the other part witnesseth :—

That the Company do employ and that Mr. Kurup do serve the Company as General Manager as a full time officer for a period of 10 years after date of registration of the Company on the terms and conditions herein after following namely.

(1) That Mr. Kurup be paid a remuneration to be fixed at 25 per cent of the net profits after due provision is made for 12 per cent dividend to the share-holders and 10 per cent for depreciation and reserve fund, provided that in the first three years he shall in any case be paid a monthly salary of Rs. 1,000.

(2) That he shall not during the said period engage himself in any other business whatsoever without the knowledge and written consent of the Board of Directors of the Cochin Tanneries Limited.

(3) That he shall be in full charge of the Factory of the Cochin Tanneries Limited and all employees therein shall be subject his full control. All appointments, postings, transfers, suspension and dismissal of the employees in the Factory shall rest absolutely within his sole discretion.

(4) That Mr. Kurup shall have the power of purchasing the raw hides, manufacturing them, and selling the finished products, subject to the control and advice of the Board of Directors. If necessary the Board may depute one or two of the Directors to help him in purchasing and settling the prices. All payments for purchases to be made by the Managing Agents or Managing Directors, as the case may be, on receipt of bills passed by Mr. Kurup.

(5) That Mr. Kurup will be entitled to attend all meetings of the Board of Directors and to be heard, but he shall not have a vote.

(6) That in case he determines this contract of service and leaves the Company he shall pay into the Company a liquidated sum of Rs. 12,000 as damages or such other sum as the Diwan of Cochin may fix.

(7) That he shall be provided with free quarters in the premises of the Company and allowed first class travelling expenses.

In witness whereof, etc., etc.

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